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Rural Water Supply.

*122 Q.- REGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRULLIN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health and Medicine be pleased to state -

(a) what scheme the Government have drawn up with regard to rural water-supply;

(b) the amount of money that the Government intend to spend for this purpose during the current year and the amount spent under this head during each of the five preceeding years;

(c) whether the Ceded districts will be given precedence in regard to this matter; and

(d) the number of years within which the scheme of rural water-supply would be completed throughout the Province ?

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - "(a) A ten-year plan for the provision of protected rural water-supply in the villages was prepared in 1938. That part of the first half of the plan which remain unexecuted will be taken up for execution during the first five post-war years. The balance will be executed in the second quinquennium. The supply sources to be provided in the villages will generally consist of -

- (i) borewells with iron and steel or cement pipes;
- (ii) masonry dug wells according to an approved type design; and
- (iii) wells infiltration galleries, etc.

"The types of supply to be provided are left to the discretion of the District Collector.

"(b) An amount of Rs.25,75,425 has been distributed to the Collectors of all districts for expenditure during 1946 - 47, under the Provincial Rural Water-supply Scheme. The amounts spent during the preceding five years are as follows: -

	Rs.
1941-42	4,67,442
1942-43	9,67,417
1943-44	9,03,217
1944-45	10,93,400
1945-46	17,09,169

(c) The Board of Revenue has issued special instructions to the Collectors of the Ceded districts to pay particular attention to the provision of protected water-supply in their districts and to launch an intensive drive in the matter.

"(d) Ten years."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB RAHADUR: - "May I submit, Sir, that the answer is long and very useful. This may be taken up tomorrow."

MR. SPEAKER: - " It will be taken up tomorrow. By that time the answer will be printed and placed on the table."

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER: - " The House will now take up questions left over yesterday. Question 122."

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " I have read out the

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the answer^a yesterday and a statement has been laid on the table of the House for the information of hon.Members."

*122 Q.- BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: - " May I ask what has happened to the Rural Water-supply Fund started, I understand, in the year 1937 ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " A fund was started for the rural water-supply in the year 1938. So far as rural water-supply is concerned, the Board of Revenue gives such amounts as the Collectors require for the purpose of sinking wells in the rural areas and the Collectors execute the schemes."

SRI K.P.KAMAKSHI CHETTIYAR: - " Is the Hon. Minister aware that the ten-year scheme is an utter failure and the progress is dead slow and will the Government give an assurance that the rural water-supply schemes will be completed in the whole Province in three years?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " An assurance cannot be given by the Government that the rural water-supply scheme can be completed within a period of three years. Progress reports regarding the scheme are being sent from time to time for the information of the public and I do not think that the progress has been slow."

SRI V.I MUNISWAMI PILLAI: - " May I enquire, Sir, whether instructions have been issued to Collectors to bear in mind that hamlets inhabited by Harijans in executing schemes of protected water-supply ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " The Government propose to send out a circular to all the Collectors to expedite the scheme and bear in mind of course the needs of the Harijans as well."

SRI K.RAJARAM NAYUDU: - " In view of the fact that the Cumbum valley in Madura district is affected by epidemics, almost throughout the year, may I ask whether the Government will expedite the execution of the water-supply scheme without any further delay ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " The Government have directed the Sanitary Engineer to prepare a composite scheme for the Cumbum Valley Panchayat Boards. The investigation will be undertaken and the suggestion made by the hon. Member will be borne in mind and the scheme expedited."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: - "May I ask, Sir, whether the Government consider the provision of Rs.25 lakhs for ~~for~~ water-supply to be adequate ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " If in the opinion of the hon.Member the sum allotted to the Rural Water-supply Fund may not be adequate, the Government will consider the question if more funds are necessary."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: - " May I ask if the Hon. Minister is aware that the Phore Committee specifically recommended that the provision of safe water-supply should receive the highest priority from the administration responsible for the well-being of the people ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - "The Government have fallen into line with the recommendations of the Phore Committee and they do feel that the question of giving safe water-supply in order to prevent diseases must have

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Priority and preference over other schemes."

SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA: - " In view of the fact that the needs of the Ceded districts are very large and the springs are not easily tapped because of the rocky nature of the soil that is encountered, may I suggest that adequate funds may be earmarked to cover at least 200 wells every year for each district and an additional staff sanctioned for the purpose as work is very slow ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " The question of giving adequate water-supply to the Ceded districts will be taken up along with the general question of supplying water for the rural areas."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR: - " May I ask whether the Government recognize the fact that amongst rural reconstruction and public health schemes, provision of protected water-supply comes first and foremost ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " Yes, Sir, I agree with the opinion of the Leader of the Opposition."

SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA: - " Sir, my question was not answered. I asked for the earmarking of funds for the Ceded districts and the sanction of adequate staff for the purpose. The Hon. Minister's answer does not cover my question."

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " I could not give a proper answer to his supplementary question because the question was not audible and I could not understand it. Now that I am able to follow the question, I may say that a rural water-supply fund cannot be earmarked for the Ceded districts in particular. As I have already stated, it forms part of the general question."

M. A. MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR: - " May I ask whether the Government of Madras are receiving grants from the Central Government for the development of rural water-supply ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " No, Sir."

SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA: - " Is it not the duty of the Government to see that backward districts come upto the level of other districts and it is for that purpose I raised the question of earmarking of funds ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " The question will be investigated whether the Ceded districts are backward in the matter of water-supply and if they are found to be so, they will certainly be attended to."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR: - " In view of the fact that a protected water-supply scheme should be the first and foremost in any scheme of rural uplift, does the Government think that what they have been doing hitherto is sufficient to fulfill the needs of the Province in that respect? "

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " The Government will go into that question, Sir."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR: - " Arising from the answer of the Hon. Minister to the question of giving special attention to the Ceded districts, may I know, Sir, whether the Government do not have record to show that so far as water-supply is concerned the Ceded districts are a backward area, and that it is not necessary for them to make any further enquiries in the matter. ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " There are other districts besides the Ceded districts where the water-supply is not adequate. I have already said that the matter will be gone into. I shall place a progress report if a question is put.."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR: - " Is not the Hon. Minister aware that both in the matter of water-supply and the cultivation of foodgrains, the Ceded districts are very well-known for their backwardness, and that on account of, this condition the districts have been considered to be famine districts all these years ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " The question of drinking water-supply is entirely different from the question of irrigation for the Grow More Food Campaign. Therefore the question does not arise. "

SRI K.VARADACHARI: - " May I ask, Sir, if the Government would consider the advisability of issuing those special instructions which have been issued to the Collectors of Ceded districts to the Collector of Chittoor district also in respect of that part of the Chittoor district which was a part of the Ceded districts, namely, the Madanapalle, Revenue Division and the Palmaner taluk of the Chittoor Division ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " If the hon. Member says that Chittoor district comes within the jurisdiction of Rayalaseema, the Collector will certainly be reminded of his duty."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU: - " May I ask, Sir, why the water-supply scheme sanctioned by the Adviser Government for the Chodavaram taluk in the Vizagapatam district has not yet commenced working ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " In fact representations were made to the Government by the residents of Chodavaram taluk in the Vizagapatam district has not yet with regard to their water-supply and the proposal is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU: - " My question has not been answered, Sir."

MR. SP AKER: - " Please repeat your question."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU: - " May I know the reason why the water-supply scheme sanctioned for this taluk during the Advisers' time has not yet commenced working ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " I have already told the hon. Member that it is under the consideration of the Government."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: - " Is the Hon. Minister aware, Sir, that the Post-War Reconstruction Committee recognized the Ceded districts as backward district ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " It maybe. I am not aware of it."

SRI N.S.VARADACHARI: - " May I ask, Sir, if it is presumed that because there is water everywhere, there is good rural water-supply although the water is not protected and made free from contamination ?"

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THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI:- " No. Sir."

SRI KALLUR SURBA RAO: - "As the rural water-supply scheme is only with regard to the supply of drinking water, may I know whether the Government would give preference to places where the guinea worm disease is prevalent ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " Yes, Sir."

M.S.ARDUL MAJID SAHIB BAHADUR: - "The answer given by the Hon.Minister is very vague. May I ask the Government to tell us the number of villages to which protected water-supply is given this year ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " Notice, Sir, I have already said that a report will be called for and placed on the table of the House for the information of hon.Members."

SRI S.NAGAPPA:- " May I know whether it is a fact that a village with a population of 500 and less will not be provided with a well according to the present rules ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - "There is no such rule. Wherever there is lack of supply of safe drinking water such places will certainly be provided with water."

SRI U.PADMANABHA MALLAYYA: - " May I know whether the Government is sufficiently impressed with the necessity of providing protected water-supply to Mangalore, where there is filaria ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " A representation was received from the residents of Mangalore that filaria was rampant in that town and that scheme to provide protected water-supply should be worked out. That scheme also is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI M.G.NATESA CHETTIYAR: - " May I enquire whether there is any priority list in respect of water-supply ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " A compendium of provincial requirements has been drawn up where in priority is given according to the necessity of each place."

sri N.S.VARADACHARI: - " Are steps being taken to test water in the protected wells from time to time to ensure that it is fit for consumption by the rural population ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " If the water is found to be brackish, the test suggested by the hon. Member may be carried out."

SRI M.G.NATESA CHETTIYAR: - " May I know whether changing the order in the priority list according to the necessity that has arisen now is under the consideration of the present Government ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - "Sometimes it is done. places which are far down in the compendium will be given precedence over others wherever there is demand."

M.MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR: - I think Mr. N.S. Varadachariar's question was not answered properly. His question was whether there was any arrangement to test the water in the protected wells from time to time to see if it is fit for human consumption."

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " Tests are not being carried out now, but the officers will be asked to carry out tests wherever necessary."

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P.P.HASSAN KOYA SAHIB BAHADUR: - " May I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that pumping sets have not been supplied to the Calicut Municipality for its protected water-supply scheme and enquire when they will be supplied ? The work has been held up for the last three years ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " In fact, pumping sets are required for ever so many other municipalities. I can quote the instance of Pollachi where pumping sets had been ordered years ago. On Account of lack of shipping accommodation, and the difficulty of securing the necessary pumping sets, pipes and other materials required to promote water-supply schemes, the Government were not able to carry out the schemes. "

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR: - " Will the Government as a rule, undertake the testing of water used by people in the various parts of the Province to see whether it is fit for human consumption ?" -

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " Yes, Sir, the suggestion will be carried out."

SRI M.G.NATESA CHETTIYAR: - " May I enquire whether any representation had been received from the Dharamapuri Revenue Division for changing the priority list of water-supply ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " Notice."

SRI KALLUR SUBBA RAO: - " May I enquire whether the Hon. Minister is aware that in Penukonda, the Divisional head quarters, drinking water is supplied in lorries every year ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " Notice, Sir."

P.P.HASSAN KOYA SAHIB BAHADUR: - " May I know whether it is a fact that the pumping sets ear-marked for the Calicut Municipality and which arrived in Madras were snatched away by some other municipality ?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI: - " I am not aware of it."

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